

MAPS AND GROUNDING

Acts 5:29-42 | 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31

Where are _____?

Jesus says you are _____

He is _____ them

Trying to read the _____

Jesus says you are _____

That invitation of _____

Jesus, you are _____

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

One of the first things I thought about when we were cancelling in person church a month ago was the hymn, “Built on the Rock.” I felt, and feel, terrible about the situation we’re in. I’m not sure what about the hymn (and a few others, like “The Church’s One Foundation” and the song, “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”) were triggering in me, but I think it had something to do with the foundations of faith and the foundations of life together in that faith. In the hymn, the third stanza starts, “We are God’s house of living stones, built for his own habitation; he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation...” That is, we are grounded by His grace, His dwelling, His peace (be with you!)

Read Psalm 148.

Reflect:

How is our grounding in God done through praise?

How does our participation in nature (sun and moon, stars, skies, water, trees, hills, etc. are all mentioned) ground us in God?

Respond:

God raises up a horn (a victory) in Jesus’ resurrection. How are we grounded for our lives on earth by this victory?

Remember:

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. (Ps 148:13)